

7. (Amended) The method of claim 6 further comprising:

applying received predefined relative indications, which express a willingness to trade and that reside in the system and remain dormant and unknown by other participants until executed, to an imbalance that exists subsequent to establishing the lock-in period.

26. (Amended) The method of claim 3 wherein disseminating a message that indicates a current imbalance between buy and sell orders for the product is a publicly disseminated message.

27. (Amended) The method of claim 5 wherein disseminating a message that indicates a current imbalance between buy and sell orders for the product is a publicly disseminated message that is disseminated to the general public.

29. (Amended) The computer program product of claim 15 wherein instructions to disseminate a message that indicates a current imbalance between buy and sell orders for the product disseminate a message to the general public and market participants.